Administration to recoup certain overpayments as permitted under certain federal laws, rules, regulations or guidelines; requiring the Administration to implement certain procedures within a certain time; and generally concerning overpayments under the laws relating to social services and public assistance.

BY adding to

Article 88A - Social Services Administration Section 16A Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 16A be and it is hereby added to Article 88A — Social Services Administration, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Feplacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 88A - Social Services Administration

16A.

THE STATE SOCIAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATION SHALL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RECOUP THOSE CVERPAYMENTS MADE TO RECIPIENTS WHICH THE STATE IS PERMITTED TO RECOUP UNDER APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAW, RULES, REGULATIONS, OR GUIDELINES. BY OCTOBER 1, 1977, THE STATE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE, ACCORDING TO APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAW, RULES, REGULATIONS, OR GUIDELINES, TO BE FOLLOWED IN THOSE CASES IN WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT AN OVERPAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect upon or application to any payments made to recipients prior to the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 17, 1977.

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(Senate Bill 1026)